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**RCE of U.S. Application No. 09/971,812**  
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**RCE TRANSMITTAL  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Please enter in the present application the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, with any attachments, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in said prior application.  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed  
☒ An Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☒ Other Request for Extension of Time

2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

|              | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra (Equals) | Small Entity Rate | Add'l Fee | OR | Large Entity Rate | Add'l Fee |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----|-------------------|-----------|
| Total        | 37                               | - 39**                          | = 0                    | x 25              | \$        |    | x 50              | \$        |
| Indep.       | 6                                | - 3***                          | = 3                    | x 100             | \$300.00  |    | x 200             | \$        |
| RCE fee      |                                  |                                 |                        | +395              | \$395.00  |    | + 790             | \$        |
| Mult. Dep.   | 7                                | 7                               | =                      | + 180             | \$        |    | + 360             | \$        |
| Ext. of Time |                                  |                                 |                        | + 60              | \$60.00   |    |                   |           |
| TOTAL        |                                  |                                 |                        |                   | \$755.00  | OR | TOTAL             | \$        |

☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim [MDC]

\* If the entry in Column 1 is less than the entry in Column 2, write "0" in Column 3.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Column 1 of a prior Amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. [XX] A check in the amount of \$755 is enclosed (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.*

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

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